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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

The following is the Applicants' reply to the Office Action of August 23,
2004:

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims, as modified, under consideration are as follows: